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geological surveys, atmospheric research, and biological research.

[CGD 84-069, 61 FR 25312, May 20, 1996]

§ 188.10-55 Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection.

This term means any person from the civilian or military branch of the Coast Guard designated as such by the Commandant and who, under the superintendence and direction of the Coast Guard District Commander, is in charge of an inspection zone for the performance of duties with respect to the inspections, enforcement, and administration of Subtitle II of Title 46, U.S. Code, Title 46 and Title 33 U.S. Code, and regulations issued under these statutes.

[CGD 95-028, 62 FR 51219, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 188.10-56 Pilot boarding equipment and point of access.

(a) *Pilot boarding equipment* means a pilot ladder, accommodation ladder, pilot hoist, or combination of them as required by this subchapter.

(b) *Point of access* means the place on deck of a vessel where a person steps onto or off of pilot boarding equipment.

[CGD 79-032, 49 FR 25455, June 21, 1984]

§ 188.10-57 Portable tank.

This phrase means a container having a capacity greater than 110 gallons, which is independent of the vessel's structure.

§ 188.10-59 Recognized classification society.

This term means the American Bureau of Shipping or other classification society recognized by the Commandant.

§ 188.10-61 Rivers.

Under this designation shall be included all vessels whose navigation is restricted to rivers and/or canals exclusively, and to such other waters as may be so designated by the Coast Guard District Commander.

§ 188.10-65 Seagoing barge.

A seagoing barge is a nonself-propelled vessel of at least 100 gross tons

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making voyages beyond the Boundary Line (as defined in 46 CFR part 7).

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§ 188.10-67 Scientific equipment.

This term means equipment installed or carried on board an oceanographic research vessel and not normally required for the operation of a vessel or its machinery or for the navigation of the vessel, and which is used primarily in the gathering of scientific data or samples or in processing, analyzing, preserving, or storing such data or samples.

[CGFR 67-83, 33 FR 1113, Jan. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 77-081, 46 FR 56204, Nov. 16, 1981]

§ 188.10-69 Scientific laboratory.

This term means those spaces on board an oceanographic research vessel used primarily for scientific experimentation or research, and are so identified.

§ 188.10-71 Scientific personnel.

This term means those persons who are aboard an oceanographic research vessel solely for the purpose of engaging in scientific research, or in instructing, or receiving instruction, in oceanography or limnology, and shall not be considered seamen under the provisions of Title 46, United States Code.

[CGFR 67-83, 33 FR 1113, Jan. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 77-081, 46 FR 56204, Nov. 16, 1981; CGD 97-057, 62 FR 51050, Sept. 30, 1997]

§ 188.10-73 Ships' stores and supplies.

This term means any article or substance which is used on board a vessel subject to the appropriate portions of part 147 of Subchapter N (Dangerous Cargoes) of this chapter for the upkeep and maintenance of the vessel; or for the safety or comfort of the vessel, its passengers or crew; or for the operation or navigation of the vessel (except fuel for its own machinery).

[CGFR 67-83, 33 FR 1113, Jan. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 86-033, 53 FR 36026, Sept. 16, 1988]

§ 188.10-75 Undocumented vessel.

This term means any vessel which is not required to have, and does not

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have, a valid marine document issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.

§ 188.10-77 Vessel.

Where the word “vessel” is used in this subchapter, it shall be considered to include all inspected and certified oceanographic research vessels as listed in Column 7 of Table 188.05-1(a).

[CGFR 67-83, 33 FR 1113, Jan. 27, 1968, as amended by CGD 77-081, 46 FR 56204, Nov. 16, 1981]

Subpart 188.15—Equivalents

§ 188.15-1 Conditions under which equivalents may be used.

(a) Where in this subchapter it is provided that a particular fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, shall be fitted or carried in a vessel, or that any particular provision shall be made or arrangement shall be adopted, the Commandant may accept in substitution therefor any other fitting, material, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or any other arrangement: *Provided*, That he shall have been satisfied by suitable trials that the fitting, material, appliance, apparatus, or equipment, or type thereof, or the provision or arrangement is at least as effective as that specified in this subchapter.

(b) In any case where it is shown to the satisfaction of the Commandant that the use of any particular equipment, apparatus, or arrangement not specifically required by law is unreasonable or impracticable, the Commandant may permit the use of alternate equipment, apparatus, or arrangement to such an extent and upon such conditions as will insure, to his satisfaction, a degree of safety consistent with the minimum standards set forth in this subchapter.

§ 188.15-5 Design of vessels.

(a) In order not to inhibit design and application the Commandant may accept vessels of unusual, unique, special, or exotic design, both new and for conversion, after it is shown to his satisfaction that such a vessel is at least as safe as any vessel which meets the standards required by this subchapter.

Subpart 188.20—General Marine Engineering Requirements

§ 188.20-1 Marine engineering details.

(a) The marine engineering details shall be in accordance with Subchapter F (Marine Engineering) of this chapter.

Subpart 188.25—General Electrical Engineering Requirements

§ 188.25-1 Electrical engineering details.

(a) The electrical engineering details shall be in accordance with subchapter J (Electrical Engineering) of this chapter.

Subpart 188.27—Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements

§ 188.27-1 Lifesaving appliances and arrangements.

All lifesaving appliances and arrangements shall be in accordance with the requirements for special purpose vessels in subchapter W (Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements) of this chapter.

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Subpart 188.35—American Bureau of Shipping's Standards

§ 188.35-1 Standards to be used.

(a) Where in this subchapter an item, or method of construction, or testing is required to meet the standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping, the current standards in effect at the time of construction of the vessel, or otherwise as applicable, shall be used.

(b) The current standards of other recognized classification societies may also be accepted upon approval by the Commandant.

§ 188.35-5 Where obtainable.

(a) The standards established by the American Bureau of Shipping are usually published annually and may be purchased from the American Bureau of Shipping, ABS Plaza, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston, TX 77060.